

Amend claim 27 to read as follows:

In the Claims:

1-10. (Withdrawn)

11. (Previously Amended) A computer system for providing travel related information to a consumer having a consumer-specific profile, comprising:

- a. means for acquiring information from at least one information source;
- b. means for transforming said acquired information into information pertinent to travel related activities;
- c. means for applying said transformed travel information to said consumer-specific travel profile;
- d. means for creating a product for said consumer indicative of the results of said application of said transformed travel information to said consumer-specific travel profile and;
- e. a content identification segment (CIS) for performing identification of potential said information sources.

12. (Withdrawn)

13. (Original) The system of Claim 11, further including a content acquisition/aggregation segment for acquiring and identifying the content of said acquired information with regard to a specific domain of said acquired information.

14. (Original) The system of Claim 11, further including a rules engine for applying rules to the said traveler profile.

15. (Original) The system of Claim 11, further including a travel information report segment for generating a report indicative of said results of said application of said transformed travel information to said consumer-specific travel profile.

16. (Original) The system of Claim 15, wherein said travel information report comprises a pre-Trip information section, a destination information section, a general advice section, and a products/services section.

17. (Original) The system of Claim 16, where each of said sections contains travel information customized for said consumer including data selected from the group consisting of said consumer's personal profile, a destination, and a season of travel.

18. (Original) The system of Claim 15, wherein said report is generated in at least one electronic format.

19. (Original) The system of Claim 15, wherein said report includes a trip rating indicative of the risk of the trip represented by said travel related information.

20. (Original) The system of Claim 15, further including an event/alert segment for managing the receipt of at least one event corresponding to the definition of at least one alert to said consumer.

21. (Original) The system of Claim 20, further including distributing said defined alert.

22. (Previously Amended) The system of Claim 20, further including means for applying keyword analysis to said event/alert segment for analyzing said received event/alert.

23. (Previously Amended) An information system segment structured for use in a system for providing travel related information to a consumer having a consumer-specific profile, comprising:

- a. a collection subsystem for obtaining information from at least one data source;
- b. an analysis subsystem for filtering said obtained information to identify travel characteristics of said obtained information; and,
- c. a distribution/storage subsystem for directing said filtered data to at least one portion of said system for providing travel related information, said distribution/storage subsystem having a component for classifying said filtered data as supplemental content or as an alert.

24. (Original) The segment of Claim 23, wherein said collection subsystem includes means for applying queries to obtain said information.

25. (Original) The segment of Claim 23, wherein said analysis subsystem includes a filter pipe and an index pipe.

26. (Withdrawn)

27. (Currently amended) A computer-readable medium containing instructions for controlling a computer system to provide travel-related information to a consumer having a consumer-specific profile, comprising:

- a. acquiring information from at least one information source;
- b. transforming said acquired information into information pertinent to travel related activities;
- c. using rules for applying said transformed travel information to said consumer-specific travel profile; and,
- d. creating a product for said consumer indicative of the results of said application of said transformed travel information to said consumer-specific travel profile; and

e. a content identification segment (CIS) for performing identification of potential said information sources.

28. (Original) The medium of Claim 27, wherein said creating step includes creating a travel report for said consumer.

29. (Original) The medium of Claim 27, further including identifying alert information related to a travel destination of said consumer.

30. (Original) The medium of Claim 29, further including distributing said alert information to said consumer.

31. (Original) The medium of Claim 27, further including delivering a product to said consumer indicative of said transformed travel data.

32. (Original) The medium of Claim 31, wherein said delivering step is performed using a distribution channel selected from the group consisting of the internet, wireless communication media, and physical delivery locations.

The Invention

The invention provides a method for providing travel-related information to a consumer having a consumer-specific profile. This method includes acquiring information from at least one information source; transforming the acquired information into information pertinent to travel related activities; using rules for applying the transformed travel information to the consumer-specific travel profile; and, creating a product for said consumer indicative of the results of the application of the transformed travel information to the consumer-specific travel profile. A system implementation of this method is also provided in another aspect of the invention. It can be appreciated that the invention can also be embodied in a computer-readable medium.

In a further aspect of the invention, an information system segment is provided that is structured for use in a system for providing travel related information to a consumer with a consumer-specific profile. This information system segment includes a collection subsystem for obtaining information from at least one data source; an analysis subsystem for filtering the obtained information to identify its travel related characteristics; and, a distribution/storage subsystem for directing the filtered data to at least one portion of the system for providing travel related information.

Status of the Claims

Claims 1-10, 12 and 26 have been canceled. Claims 11, 13-25 and 27-32 remain pending in this application.

Claims 11 and 13-25 are allowed.

Claims 27- 31 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by *Ehret et al.*, U.S. Patent No. 5,006,985.

Claim 32 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Ehret* in view of *Tagawa*, WO 97/17680 and *Simpson et al.*, U.S. Patent No. 5,999,882.

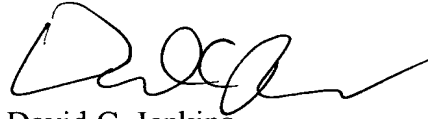
Amendments

The Examiner has previously indicated that the recitations of former claim 12 are not anticipated by, or obvious in view of, the prior art. The recitations of former claim 12 have been incorporated into claim 27. Accordingly, claim 27, as well as any claim that depends from either claim 27, should be allowable as amended. Accordingly, Applicants request that the Examiner withdraw the rejections set forth in paragraphs 4 and 5 of the August 15, 2003 Office Action.

Summary

Based on the amendments and remarks set forth above, Applicant submits that all claims of the application are allowable. Applicant respectfully requests issuance of a Notice of Allowance at an early date.

Respectfully submitted,

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